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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 11 June 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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[] He suggested this paper be used in a "Trends" paper. The Director also commended Lehman and Bowie on the recent Special Report to the President on International Trends which was praised by NSC Staffer Bob Gates in a 5 June letter to Mr. Carlucci. The Director added that this product reflects how well the NIOs and others are working together. (Action: NFAC) []

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Hetu reported that a National Press Club Panel session will be held today; the session will focus on ways to gain information from CIA and NSA.

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Bowie noted Attorney General Bell's upcoming trip to the USSR, and that we have provided him with much biographic and other background information. []

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Hitz reported that General McAuliffe, Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, is continuing his testimony before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Hitz expects that McAuliffe will speak to CIA information that supports his own views. Hitz noted that, as the hearing nears its deadline, Committee forces opposing the Panama Canal Treaty do not seem successful. Relatedly, the Director called attention to Dr. Brzezinski's appearance yesterday on ABC's "Issues and Answers" where Dr. Brzezinski commented that Panama is not providing arms to Sandinista forces. The Director noted to Bowie that, despite President Royo's promise not to provide arms, we should be keeping Dr. Brzezinski advised. (Action: NFAC)

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Hitz said all of our reprogramming items, [] will go before the HAC on 18 June, noting that this is the only Committee whose approval we require. Hitz and Koehler agreed to work out a strategy for the hearing. Hitz noted also that the House 1980 Authorization bill will go to the floor on Thursday and that Latimer, Bush and Faga have invited Hitz and [] to meet with them beforehand regarding the President's 5 June meeting with OMB on budget issues. []

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Hitz reported that in preparation for a visit later this month by SSCI members, Staffers Miller and Ralston are visiting NPIC today to arrange the agenda. []

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The Director asked Hitz what had happened to Jamie Whitten's request for an analysis of aid to foreign countries vis-a-vis the behavior of those countries toward the U.S. Hitz said that the issue is "dead." []

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Silver reported on negative reactions from State re the working group's draft paper on sensitive collection. This prompted a brief discussion in which McMahon explained his resistance to providing certain information to State; he noted, for example, that State desk-level analysts had misused information which deals with collection []

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Silver reported on a letter just received from Deputy Attorney General Civiletti requesting information regarding the Los Alamos Scientific Library--erroneous declassification marking. Civiletti has asked for information on foreign representatives or agents who might have had access to the documents which disclosed the design concepts of thermonuclear weapons. Silver noted that the Attorney General might bring this up with the Director when they meet at a luncheon tomorrow for Justices of the Special Surveillance Court. []

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Silver reported that papers on charter legislation have been sent for review by SCC principals, noting that the working group's draft is agreeable to all members except DoJ. He said also that, according to an NSC source, the President plans to review the draft--statutory language and issues--during his return flight from Vienna. Astonishment was expressed that the President would be interested in such details, especially during his return from Vienna. Lastly, Silver reported that some SSCI members met with Secretary Vance on Thursday to gain Vance's views on the importance of covert action to national security. []

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Bowie reported that U.S. oil company representatives are so concerned with the situation in Saudi Arabia that they are meeting with Secretary Vance this morning. [] said in this regard there is an article on the Saudi situation in the current issue of Business Week.

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The Director asked about press reports (attached) of a 10 June launch of a spy satellite from Cape Canaveral. The report is in error; no intelligence satellite was launched at the time. []

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[] said he forwarded to the Director a draft letter in which the Director would propose to Attorney General Bell that DEA and RMS work up a Letter of Understanding whereby DEA would agree to exchange program data with the NFIP. (Bell will not agree to DEA being a resource element of the NFIP.) The Director said he had not seen the draft; Silver said he had it for review. []

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Mr. Carlucci asked Silver to send a note to the Director today on items the Director might take up with the Attorney General at the Justices luncheon tomorrow--especially the situation regarding DoJ's slowness in approving procedures for implementing E.O. 12036. []

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The Director commented on items of importance for this week; the Summit leads in importance. Relatedly, he said that Bowie's people have prepared a good briefing for the President on the Soviet agriculture situation and that he will urge the President to try and get a usable statement from Brezhnev on the SALT telemetry issue. The Director said he is finishing up his draft testimony on SALT and will soon distribute to Community principals. []

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The Director commented on a new arms deal between the YAR and USSR; in this regard, it was noted that the PRC will meet tomorrow on the Middle East Security Issues and again on Wednesday. The Director commented on General Lawrence's (DoD) assessment on the potential [] in the Middle East and his doubts that General Lawrence's approach is sensible: The Director does not want us to be "sandbagged" on this and needs a paper from McMahon. The Director passed a copy of the State Morning Report to Bowie noting that State continues to preempt NIEs and IIMS. He said that [] recent piece on Sadat is worth noting

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for the President [redacted] The Director noted to Hetu that Dan Gilmore (UPI) is still pressing with questions on the Kampiles case. Lastly, regarding the series of briefings to be provided General Rogers beginning 18 June, the Director said he is anxious to see what Bowie and especially McMahon have prepared. He is particularly interested regarding Blue-Border material and wants the briefing to be such that General Rogers will stay interested and use intelligence we will provide him in his new post as SACEUR. (Action: DDO & NFAC) [redacted]

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Attachment

SECRET

U.S. Launches Satellite to Watch Space Activity From the Equator

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., June 10 (UPI) — An Air Force Titan-3C rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral today, apparently to position a satellite over the Equator to monitor Russian and Chinese space launch activities. The Air Force did not comment on whether the unannounced launch was successful.

The Equator was believed to be the target because classified payloads for polar orbits are fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The stationery orbit was to be 22,300 miles from Earth.

Such satellites are used to monitor Russian and Chinese launches of missiles and satellites, as well as provide warning to American officials if a missile is launched from a submarine at sea.

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